



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Josef Otto RETTENMAIER et al.)
Serial No.: 09/380,739) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: December 15, 1999) Examiner: Unassigned
For: LAUNDRY DETERGENT COMPACT)
WHICH DISINTEGRATES IN LIQUIDS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

ASSIGNEE CONSENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

This Consent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) is being submitted in reply to the Decision on Renewed Petition dated January 19, 2001.

The Declaration filed December 15, 1999 in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements in the present application included inventors not listed in the priority application PCT/DE98/00589. The inventors listed on the Declaration in the present application are correct. That is, it is requested that the inventorship be corrected by adding as inventors the following four persons: Hans-Friedrich Kruse; Martin Holl; Harald Schlosser; and Armin Ungerer. Thus, those four persons along with Josef Otto Rettenmaier are the inventors of the present application.

Each person being added as an inventor has signed a statement that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part. That statement has been filed in the present application, as acknowledged in the September 1 Decision on Petition.

The requirement for a declaration required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is satisfied by the inventors' Declaration of December 15, 1999, as also acknowledged by the September Decision on Petition.

The required processing fee has already been paid, as acknowledged in the September Decision on Petition.

The rights in this application have been assigned from the original owners to the present assignee by a chain of title recorded in the assignment records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The five inventors assigned all of their rights to two companies in an assignment recorded on October 16, 2000 (Reel/Frame 011244/0783). One of those companies assigned all of its rights to the other (Henkel KGaA) in an assignment recorded on January 4, 2001 (Reel/Frame 011413/0973). Consequently, the assignee Henkel KGaA is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the present application. I am authorized to act on behalf of the assignee Henkel KGaA. As an authorized representative of Henkel KGaA, I hereby state that Henkel KGaA consents to the correction of inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a).

All statements made of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that foregoing is true and correct.

July 9, 2001
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